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FM AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG  
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CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY  
VIENNA FOR AMB BOWDLER WITH VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY  
MAPUTO FOR AMB YOUNG

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, SF  
SUBJECT: ACTION AGAINST WINNIE MANDELA

REF: A) STATE 113448, B) JOHANNESBURG 1195

1. WINNIE MANDELA, WIFE OF IMPRISONED ANC LEADER NELSON MANDELA, HAS BEEN BANISHED TO BLACK TOWNSHIP OUTSIDE ORANGE FREE STATE TOWN OF BRANDFORT. BANISHMENT ORDER RESTRICTS MRS MANDELA TO BRANDFORT AREA. ALTHOUGH PERSONS BANNED UNDER THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT ARE USUALLY RESTRICTED TO AREAS WHERE THEY LIVE OR HAVE GROWN UP, OCCASIONALLY THEY ARE USED TO BANISH PERSONS TO STRANGE AREAS IN WHICH THEY HAVE NO TIES, SUCH AS THE CASE OF ROBERT SOBUKWE (BANNED TO KIMBERLY) AND NOW MRS MANDELA.

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2. MRS MANDELA WAS INITIALLY BANNED DECEMBER 1976 AFTER BEING RELEASED FROM DETENTION. HER BANISHMENT TO BRANDFORT REPRESENTS AN AMENDMENT TO THAT ORIGINAL BANNING CLAUSE, DUE TO EXPIRE IN 1981. MINISTER OF JUSTICE JIMMY KRUGER STATED, HOWEVER, "THE LENGTH OF THE BANNING ORDER DEPENDS ON MRS MANDELA HERSELF, BECAUSE I AM ALWAYS REVIEWING THEM". MINISTER KRUGER ALSO DENIED THE BANISHMENT WAS IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH AMB YOUNG'S

IMPENDING VISIT.

3. REPORTERS WHO HAVE VISITED MRS MANDELA'S NEW HOME DESCRIBE IT AS A THREE ROOM HOUSE WITHOUT ELECTRICITY, RUNNING WATER OR STOVE. SHE IS TO RECEIVE A R100 PER MONTH MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE FOR HERSELF AND HER DAUGHTER.

COMMENT: REACTION TO THE MANDELA BANISHMENT HAS BEEN PREDICTABLE FROM MOST QUARTERS--PRP OPPOSITION SPOKESMAN CALLED IT "INHUMANELY AUTHORITARIAN" WHILE TRANSKEI PRIME MINISTER MATANZIMA PROMISED TO TAKE THE MATTER UP WITH THE SAG. IN SOWETO YESTERDAY, MOST BLACKS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR FEELING FOR HER (REFTEL B), SAW THE SAG ACTION AS "BRUTAL" AND "DEGRADING". THE CONFUSING ASPECT OF THIS AFFAIR HAS BEEN THE CONTINUING PARANOIA DISPLAYED BY THE SAG ABOUT MRS MANDELA. WHILE STILL LEGALLY MARRIED TO NELSON MANDELA, SHE HAS BEEN SEEN BY MANY SOWETO BLACKS AS "UNWORTHY" TO SHARE IN THE LEGACY OF HER IMPRISONED HUSBAND. THE SAG'S LATEST ACTION CAN ONLY IMPROVE HER STATUS AS A POLITICAL "MARTYR".

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